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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MRS. MONDALE TO FINLAND--GIFT RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY: THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT MRS. MONDALE PRESENT A GIFT OF AMERICAN ART, CRAFTS, OR GLASSWARE AT HER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN ON DECEMBER 5. END SUMMARY

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) HAS ADVISED THE EMBASSY INFORMALLY THAT IT HAS NOT MADE ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGES OF GIFTS WITH ANY DELEGATION OR ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT A GIFT IS EXPECTED. THE MFA NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF A DELEGATION WISHES TO MAKE A GIFT PRESENTATION, THE APPROPRIATE OCCASION WOULD BE AT THE DECEMBER 5 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN. EMBASSY QUERIES TO WESTERN MISSIONS INDICATE NO CONSENSUS ON PRESENTATION OF GIFTS.

2. THE BRITISH PLAN TO HAVE AT HAND A CONTINGENCY GIFT OF A JUBILEE YEAR PORCELAIN PIECE (FROM THE QUEEN TO PRESIDENT KEKKONEN) BUT WILL NOT PRESENT IT AT THE DECEMBER 5 MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT UNLESS IT APPEARS THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS ARE ALSO PRESENTING GIFTS. THE BRITISH EMBASSY IS RECOMMENDING TO ITS GOVERNMENT THAT A GIFT PRESENTATION BE MADE ONLY ON THAT BASIS.

3. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A U.S. GIFT WOULD CERTAINLY
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BE APPROPRIATE IN TERMS OF FINNISH CUSTOM AND PROTOCOL AND WOULD, MORE IMPORTANTLY, BE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO HONOR FINLAND WITH MRS. MONDALE'S PRESENCE AT THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES. CURRENT CONSENSUS NOTWITHSTANDING, IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY GIFTS WILL BE PRESENTED BY MANY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES, BUT OUR RECOMMENDATION IS MADE

INDEPENDENT OF WHAT OTHER DELEGATIONS MAY DO.

4. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT MRS. MONDALE PRESENT A
GIFT OF AMERICAN ART, CRAFTS, OR GLASSWARE AT HER
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN ON DECEMBER 5.
MRS. HIGGINS-BERGWALL CONCURS IN THIS RECOMMENDATION.
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